

BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements, August 14, 2014

Events

Save the Date: BPA Utility Round Tables-

The recent Efficiency Exchange offered an excellent opportunity to interact in person, but smaller regional gatherings provide a unique chance to discuss more localized issues. To help bolster this effort BPA is organizing a series of regional utility round tables to be conducted in the later summer and early fall in five different Northwest regions. Each meeting will feature informative presentations and provide an open forum for discussions on program development... [More](#)

General

Non Programmatic Savings: A terrible name for an important concept -

I think we can all agree that the name Non-Programmatic Savings is a terrible one for something that is quickly becoming a very important resource in the Northwest. So please help us give it a better name!

The conduit link below will give you an opportunity to discuss what we should be calling Non-Programmatic savings, but also what it really is and what it means to the Northwest Energy Efficiency Landscape. [Please follow this link to Conduit, where you can join the contest](#)

Product Updates

Residential Advanced Power Strips may be Distributed Over the Counter -

Several customers have indicated that they would like to distribute residential Advanced Power Strips "over the counter". Over the Counter is inclusive of direct distribution at an event, at a utility office, or left at a customer's house at their request. To accommodate these requests, BPA will allow residential APS to be distributed Over-the-Counter, as long as the Advanced Power Strips are provided at the end-user's request for the purpose of controlling a Home Entertainment Center. Please note customer request does not have to be un-prompted. You may ask customers questions like "Would you like to try an Advanced Power Strip to make your Home Entertainment Center more energy efficient?"

These should be claimed using the Mail by Request RefNo RELPL11973. For details on documentation requirements please see page 99 of the Implementation Manual. This decision is retroactive to when residential Advanced Power Strips became available in the IM on October 1, 2013.

Reminders

BPA is providing complimentary passes to the E Source Forum -

E Source will be hosting its annual E Source Forum on September 29 - October 2, 2014 in Denver Colorado. The Forum brings together more than 400 representatives from utilities and other energy service providers as well as government representatives and others involved in improving and redefining how energy is delivered, purchased, and used. More information can be found [here](#).

As part of our current E Source membership BPA's customers will be able to register online for the Forum via the [E Source Forum link](#). In order to register you will need an active E Source User ID and password to register. If you don't have, or have forgotten your user name and password, please contact your EER for assistance. If you have questions or have problems registering for the Forum you can also contact Jessica Rife at E Source at jessica_rife@esource.com or at 303-345-9197.

Residential Weatherization Sub-regional Meetings -

The Residential team is holding a series of half-day meetings around the region to discuss changes to BPA's Weatherization program offerings. Topics will include the updated weatherization specifications, new measures and program strategies, and materials and resources that are available to support utility weatherization programs... [More](#)

AirGenerate HPWH Removed from Northern Climate Qualified Products List -

Smart Water Heat recently announced that inspections have identified a high rate of performance issues with AirGenerate heat pump water heater products; refrigerant leaks are resulting in a rapid degradation of energy efficiency performance. As a result, the AirGenerate units no longer meet requirements of the Northern Climate Specification (either tier 1 or 2) and have been removed from the Qualified Products List. Electrolux HPWH units were also removed from the list because they are manufactured by AirGenerate.

While the products no longer meet the Implementation Manual requirement of being listed as a "Qualified Product", BPA will continue to provide utility payments for products that run through utility programs through March 31, 2015. Though we recognize that it takes time to change your program materials, BPA strongly recommends that

these products be removed from your programs immediately. NEEA will work with AirGenerate to support rebate fulfillment on scheduled installations or those recently completed. For more information, please refer to the NEEA announcement or contact your EER.

PTCS Quality Assurance to be Delivered by CLEAResult -

BPA has executed a contract with CLEAResult of Portland for inspections of heat pumps and duct sealing work done through the Performance Tested Comfort Systems® program. Projects entered into the online registry for BPA utilities will be considered for inspections, except for those utilities already conducting QA under an agreement with BPA. Work will initially be focused on inspecting previously underserved utilities, the work of highly active technicians, and the work of technicians who have never been inspected.

In compliance with federal privacy regulations the online registry no longer contains information needed for scheduling these inspections, such as the homeowners name and phone number, so CLEAResult will be contacting each utility to collect the PTCS forms that contain that information in advance of inspecting in their territory. The forms requested may be as old as three months; to ensure timely inspections we would ask that customers respond to these requests as soon as you are able. You may want to consider preparing your PTCS documentation in advance of these requests.

SIS Measure Update -

During the June 17, 2014 RTF meeting, the RTF made the following motion concerning the status of the current SIS Measure... [More](#)

GE GeoSpring 50-gallon HPWH Kicks Off Promotion with Sears, Lowe's, Ferguson and Independents - The GE GeoSpring 50-gallon HPWH promotion has begun!... [More](#)
